

Featured Artist: Susan May**CD Title:** The Rose**Year:** 2004**Record Label:** Southport**Style:** Jazz Vocals

Musicians: Susan May (vocals); Bobby Schiff (piano); Scott Reed (guitar); Jim Cox, Greg Baroni (bass); Leon Joyce, Rick Vitek (drums) with guests Bobby Lewis (trumpet, flugelhorn); Rich Fudoli (flute, sax); Ron Friedman (trumpet). Vocalist Joanie Pallatto joins Susan May on Track 4.

Review: It's nice to see a young emerging singer who has a real chance to attain stardom. Certainly, Chicago's Susan May is a talent to watch. The young woman celebrated her twelfth birthday last summer during the production of her debut CD.

Accompanied by some of the Windy City's most seasoned jazzmen, the young jazz performer delivers an incredible session. Susan May does not shy away from material that would tax the talents of more experienced vocalists. She tackles Henry Mancini's difficult **Soldier In The Rain** with confidence. Her convincing delivery of sixty-year old jazz standards made me perk up my 68-year-old ears.

Certainly, this little Chicago upstart isn't about to dethrone Karrin Allyson or Tierney Sutton right now **BUT** it's frightening to contemplate how great she might be when she reaches 20 years old.

Check out the sound samples on Susan's website. You'll be impressed!

Tracks: The Rose; When The Sun Comes Out; Embraceable You; Bye-Bye (Theme from Peter Gunn); Feeling Good; Soldier In The Rain; Smile; Blues In The Night; As Time Goes By; A Wink And a Smile; Over The Rainbow; Who Will Buy?; What The World Needs Now.

Record Label Website: <http://www.chicagosound.com>

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